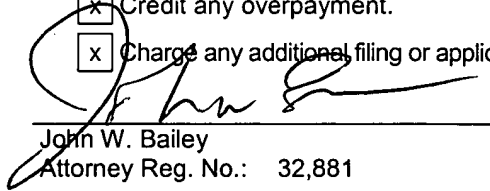




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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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